MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) Government do not propose to collect the information as they think that the time and labour involved in its collection will be out of proportion to its possible utility.

Statement of appointments made during last year.

325. **MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of appointments made by the respective heads of departments and by the Government for the last one year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to collect the information since the time and labour involved in it are out of all proportion to its possible utility.

Expenses in connection with the Banking Enquiry Committee.

326. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a detailed account of the expenses in connection with the Banking Enquiry Committee up to 8-6-1105?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount was spent for the same purpose after that date; and

(*b*) why no supplementary demand was made for the expenditure of the Banking Enquiry Committee at the last meeting of the Council.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*):

(1) No expenditure was incurred on this account up to the 8th Makaram 1105.

(2) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The member is referred to the statement laid on the table by the Financial Secretary at the meeting of the Council held on the 21st January 1930.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the member be pleased to state whether the amounts mentioned in the statement laid on the table on 21-1-30 were spent after that date?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): After what date, please?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In the answer it is given

"the member is referred to the statement laid on the table by the Financial Secretary at the meeting of the Council held on the 21st January 1930."

Now the member has to say whether the amounts were spent after that particular date i. e. after 21-1-30.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It could not be.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know from the member whether he is aware that 31st January 1930 corresponds to 8th Makaram 1105? It is clear from the proceedings of this Council.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The amount in the statement laid on the table is what was authorised by Government. Government authorise such expenditure when there is not enough time to go through the Council. The amount of expenditure in the present case was incurred before that date, a portion of it at least, as it was urgent.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Then, may I know why it is stated that no amount was spent for the Banking Enquiry Committee before 8-6-1105?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): As I said the expenditure was urgent and it had to be sanctioned immediately.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): My question was "will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a detailed account of the expenses in connection with the Banking Enquiry Committee up to 8-6-1105. But the answer says 'No'.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Though no expenditure might have been incurred, sanction was given because it could not wait.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand then, that the statement laid on the table does not give the amount that was actually spent?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No. The heading of the statement itself will show that it is the expenditure authorised by the Government, under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation II of 1097.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): It is allowed under rule 52 and authorised under 16 (9). Rule 52 says:

"When any expenditure is incurred by Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, the Financial Secretary shall, as soon as may be, thereafter, lay on the table of the Council a statement explaining the necessity for the expenditure".

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation says:

"Our Government shall have power in cases of emergency to authorise such expenditure as may in the opinion of our Government be necessary in the interests of our Government or for the carrying on of any Department".

It need not necessarily mean that the whole expenditure should have been incurred. When the expenditure was found necessary and when the work was urgent, it was sanctioned. A Statement under 16 (9) is a statement of expenditure authorised. A portion of it might have been expended.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) But Rule 52 says that the statement laid on the table should contain the actual amount incurred under that item, up to that date.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Might be.

PRESIDENT: Is it a point of order or a supplementry question ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I want to clear the point, whether the statement laid on the table was of the amounts spent before 8-6-05.

PRESIDENT: The answer was a portion might have been expended before that date and a portion after. If it is a wrong procedure, is this the stage where you should raise the point ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): The answer to my original question says that no expenditure has been incurred; but the answer to the supplementary question is that a portion might have been spent. I am unable to reconcile these two points.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I said "might have been" incurred. I am not quite sure whether any amount was spent. So long as the answer says that no expenditure was incurred, that must be deemed to be correct. What I say is that in the case of authorised expenditure Government might have sanctioned it even though a whole or portion of it may not be expended.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I rise to a point of order. I ask whether expenditure not actually incurred could be included in the statement under Section 16 (9) of the Regulation ?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise as a supplementary question or as a point of order at this stage.

Kayankulam—Kartikapalli Road.

327. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken till now (1st Medom 1105) for the improvement of the first section of the Kayankulam—Kartikapalli road for which provision is made in this year's Budget ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): A detailed investigation has been conducted and a rough estimate prepared by the Chief Engineer. The estimate is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know from the member the amount that has been arrived at by the Chief Egineer as the rough estimate required for the work ?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): About 35,000 rupees.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know the length of the road for which this expenditure is required ?

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